



U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Ohio River Islands National Wildlife Refuge
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Internship Opportunity!

- Do you like working in the outdoors?
- Are you looking for real-world experience to give you the competitive edge in job searching?
- Are you looking for opportunities to network with career professionals?

Join Our Wildlife Conservation Team!

Ohio River Islands National Wildlife Refuge is seeking a highly motivated student intern to be a part of our professional biological crew. This position will provide valuable hands-on field experience! As a Biological Program Aid, you will be working with our lead expert biologist and mussel dive team on mussel restoration and monitoring, habitat management including invasive plant mapping and control, acoustic bat surveys, vegetation surveys, and/or breeding bird surveys. You will also have opportunities to learn about and work in other refuge career programs such as visitor services, maintenance, law enforcement, and refuge management.

About Ohio River Islands National Wildlife Refuge (NWR)

Ohio River Islands NWR is part of the US Fish & Wildlife Service National Wildlife Refuge System. Nestled in the Ohio River Valley, we are one of more than 560 refuges across the country. We work with multiple state and federal partners to improve and protect the Ohio River ecosystem for wildlife and our community. Our focus is on protecting freshwater mussels and migratory birds within our 22 islands and 4 mainland properties.

Internship Duration: 12 weeks total / 40 hours per week.

Living Allowance: \$100 per week, housing may be available.

Start and End Dates: flexible; suggested core dates are between June 1 and August 15.

Requirements: Must have a valid driver's license and be at least 18 years of age. Applicants should be a currently enrolled student or within 2 years of having graduated. Preference will be given to students needing internships to fulfill the requirements of a two- or four- year college degree program in wildlife, fisheries, or other related environmental or biological science. Occasional overnight travel may be required, but expenses will be reimbursed by the refuge. Interns will sign a Volunteer Service Agreement and must be prepared to spend long periods working outdoors in heat and humidity. Interns must also be in good physical shape for activities including hiking, walking on uneven surfaces, traveling in and out of boats, and lifting and carrying gear weighing 30 pounds.

How to Apply: Applicants must submit a cover letter explaining their career goals, suitability for the position, and dates of availability along with a school transcript and resume. Application packages can be sent to patricia_morrison@fws.gov or mailed to Ohio River Islands NWR, Attn: Patricia Morrison, 3982 Waverly Rd., Williamstown, WV 26187.

Application Deadline: April 18, 2014.

Questions? Email Patricia Morrison, Refuge Biologist, at patricia_morrison@fws.gov or call 304-375-2923 ext. 124.